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HARPALUS (OPHONUS) PUNCTICEPS STEPHENS
(COLEOPTERA, CARABIDAE) IN NEW YORK
AND VERMONT

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ABSTRACT

The palaeartic species *Harpalus (Ophonus) puncticeps* Stephens, previously known in North America only from Long Island, N. Y., is here recorded from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Bolton, Vt.

The palaeartic species *Harpalus (Ophonus) puncticeps* Stephens was accidentally introduced in North America, but until now has been reported only from Long Island, New York (Dietrich 1957; Ball 1960b; Lindroth 1968). Six specimens in my possession indicate that this species is spreading in the northeastern United States. Five specimens in my own collection were found by Donald B. Pizzuto in Poughkeepsie, New York, on the following dates: 18-VI-1969 (2 males); 14-VII-1969 (1 female); and 26-VII-1969 (2 females). The sixth specimen is a male in the Ross T. Bell collection at the University of Vermont. It was found by Joyce Bell at Camel's Hump, Bolton, Vermont, on 2-VIII-1972. The specimen was sent to Carl H. Lindroth who confirmed its identification as *Harpalus puncticeps*.

The habitat of this beetle in Europe has been recorded (Lindroth 1945). It lives on bare gravel-loam soil with sparse but high vegetation, often under dried tufts of curly dock (*Rumex crispus*) and Queen Anne's lace (*Daucus*). It has been observed repeatedly on the umbels of Queen Anne's lace. The Vermont specimen was found in a log at 2,800 feet. This unlikely habitat, coupled with its known flying ability (Lindroth 1968), indicate that the Vermont specimen is probably a stray.

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